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MINUTES

OF THE

Sunflower Baptist Ass'n

HELD WITH THE

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

SUMNER, MISSISSIPPI

SEPTEMBER, 3-5, 1907

OFFICERS

C. H. MIZE, Moderator, Shelby, Miss.
WM. M. MOORE, Clerk, - Lulu, Miss.
F. L. SUMNER, Treas., Sumner, Miss.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

AT LYON, MISSISSIPPI

On Tuesday before the Second Sunday in Sept., 1908

CLARKSDALE CHALLENGE
CLARKSDALE, MISS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

D. H. S. COX, MODERATOR
WM. M. MOORE, CLERK
F. L. SUMNER, TREASURER

J. E. BARNETT
C. H. MIZE
T. S. SHUFORD
S. W. BRASHEARS

PASTORS RESIDING IN THIS ASSOCIATION

R. C. BLAILOCK, Gunnison, Miss.
D. A. S. COX, Shelby, Miss.
J. E. BARNETT, Clarksdale, Miss.
C. H. MIZE, Sumner, Miss.
E. B. SMITH, Sumner, Miss.
H. A. FERGUSON, Sumner, Miss.
J. P. WHITE, Rome, Miss.
W. ALEX JORDAN, Clarksdale, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY SESSION

SUMMER, MISS., Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1907.

The Sunflower Baptist Convention convened at Enon Baptist church, Sumner, Miss., at 4 P. M. Bro. C. H. Mize was chosen temporary Moderator, and after calling to order, requested Bro. H. A. Ferguson to conduct devotional exercises. After reading a chapter he offered a ferverant prayer to God for his aid in the meeting. Bro. Leland Whitten was appointed reading clerk and Wm. M. Moore, secretary protem.

Moderator then called for church letters. Responded to as follows:—

Oak Ridge Church, Farrell, Miss., W. C. McCaughn; J. M. Baber, *Oscar Gray; Alternates, *Miss Eliza Smith, *Miss Norwood, *Miss Viola Maynard.

Lula Church, Lula, Miss., Wm. M. Moore, Mrs. Wm. M. Moore, F. D. Howell, *Mrs. W. F. Rainey, *B. F. Edwards; Alternates, *G. R. Caldwell, *Mrs. Caldwell, *Mrs. Dhue, Miss Willie Dillard.

Rome Church, *Miss Victoria Provost, Miss Dottie White. Rev. J. P. White, S. B. Ferguson.

Lyon Church, Lyon, Miss., J. E. Barnett, *Mrs. Barnett, T. S. Shuford, *Sister Lowery.

Drew Church, Drew, Miss., *J H. Walton, E. Jasper, *Gertrude Walton, Archie Manning, Werner Fitzgerald.

Enon Church, Sumner, Miss., F. L. Sumner, J. J. Webb, *J.W. Broshear, A. L. Whitten, H. A. Ferguson; Alternates, C. Denton, J. B. Sumner, *W. A. McMullin, Miss Robbie Mize, W. W. Ferguson.

Shelby Church, *W. Wooten, *A P. Rose, *R. L. Mercer, *Sister E. Wooten, *Miss Etta Boatright; Alternates, D. H. S. Cox, Miss Mamie Cox.

Ebenezer Church, *J. N. Jenkins, L. M. Hollowell, *A. R. Jenkins, *T. J. Longacre, *B. F. Lothans.

Clarksdale. Letler of church at Clarksdale was received not from the church. Only as statistics sent by Bros. Brooks and Jenkins through Bro. J. E.

Barnett, Ex-Pastor of the church. Statistics appear in table.

Churches not represented, Belen, Jonestown, Roguelphalia, Refuge, Lambert.

The Moderator then announced that the association would come to a permanent organization and Bro. D. H. S. Cox was chosen Moderator; Wm. M Moore, Clerk and F L. Sumner, Treasurer.

The Moderator then appointed committees as follows: On Order of Business, J. M. Baber, T. S. Shufford, A. J. Ferguson; On Finance, J. E. Barnett; On Devotional Exercises, C. H. Mize and his board of deacons.

Motion carried that the Association convene at 10 o'clock to hear Bro Roe on Missions. State, Home and Foreign to be discussed at same hour.

Motion carried that the Association meet at 9 a. m. till 12 noon, and from 2 p. m. ad libitium.

Motion carried that Associational Sermon be deferred and Bro. Roe preach to-night.

On motion the Association adjourned until to-morrow at 9 a. m. Prayer and Benediction by Bro. Roe. Bro. Roe preached a very forceful sermon from Text John 20:19, "As The Father Hath Sent Me, So Send I You." Prayer by Bro. Cox. Benediction by Bro. Mize.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Devotional Services, T. D. Hollowell. Reading First Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Cox.

After song services the meeting was declared opened by the Moderator. Bro. J. E. Barnett made an earnest talk on the blessings of God in the Conversion of many souls during the year. Bro. Roe also spoke a short while on how God is now moving on the hearts of his people, especially on the Gulf coast. Bro. Cox made a short talk on the Gospel in the Delta. After song service again the Association came to order of business.

Bro. Roe made a short and earnest talk on the Lapmen's Movement.

Moderator appointed Bro. May and Dr. Wilson on Laymen Committee and requested to make report at once if possible.

Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were

read and discussed. Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock to discuss further.

SECOND DAY—EVENING

Association assembled at 2:30 o'clock. Song service and prayer. Devotional Exercises by Bro. Barnett. Reading 5th chapter Romans. Prayer by Bro. Guthrie. Moderator declared Association open for business.

Bro Barnett made a very interesting talk on State Missions, setting forth that preachers could be had if money could be had to pay them. Bro. Cox spoke at some length also on this subject and on a Consecrated Church membership, stating a victory he had had with a "blind tiger" man by the help of God and the good deacons and his consecrated wife

Bro. H. A. Ferguson told us of some of the experiences of the pastors long ago when pastors were expected to preach for a very small sum. That it was hard to raise this small amount. Now we should be able to get up an amount ten times as large with more ease for the reason God has financially blessed the land. Bro. Mize spoke very earnestly on state Missions, stating that every ten families could support a preacher if they would go to the Bible for their guide to giving. Setting forth also that there is only one preacher from Memphis to Greenwood on the S. E. Division, that one himself

HOME MISSIONS

Home Missions. Bro. Mize spoke on Home Missions. Speaking of a growing church and an abiding Savour.

Bro. Mize spoke on Foreign Missions. A growing Church and an abiding Savour.

On motion the report of the Committee on Foreign Home and State Missions were all received and adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order of Business. On motion it was agreed that the Order of business be the same as last year, as follows:

SUSTENTATION

Report on Susentation by Bro. Shuford was read

and discussed very earnestly by Bro. Barnett, also by Bro. Cox who stated that these old preachers had given the cream of their lives to the churches. Bro. W. C. McCaughn, Mize. Baber and Ferguson each made a very lengthy and earnest talk. Report adopted.

Sonestown, Baquelphilia, Lambert and Refuge churches were stricken from our list of churches on account of not participating in our work.

Motion carried that Bethlehem church at Whitney, Miss., and Shady Grove church at Ruleville, Miss. be recieved in this Association, they having applied.

ASSOCIATION SERMON

Bro. Barnett preached the Associational sermon at 8 p. m. from Text 2d Kings 7:9. Bible Readings, Romans 1:8 was very much enjoyed.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Association met at 9:30. Devotional exercises by Bro. Guthrie. Reading John 1:10.

Moderator declared meeting open for business.

Motion carried that Belen Messengers be accorded a seat in this association, letter received as follows: Sister Green, Misses Mary Chrestman, Mary Ware, Jones.

Reading 5th chapter Matthew, Let Your Light So Shine That Others Seeing Your Good Work May Be Constrained To Glorify Our Father In Heaven. Bro. Baber made a most interesting talk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Report on Sunday School by J. B. Sumner read and received for discussion. Motion carried that the time for discussion of all subjects this evening be limited to ten minutes. Discussed by Bros. Baber, Mize and McCaughn. Report adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

Report on Woman's Work by Mrs. Lucy E. Murphy read by Bro. Mize. Motion carried that report be received, and was discussed by Bro. Mize and adopted.

PUBLICATIONS

Report in Publication by Bro. Sam Ferguson read

by H. A. Ferguson. Discussed by H. A. Ferguson and Bro. Mize and adopted.

MINISTERAL EDUCATION

Report on Ministeral Education by A. L. Whitten was read and adopted after discussion by Bros. Barnett, Ferguson. Cox, Shuford and Guthrie.

The Moderator gave permission for the Clerk to "brag" that the Lulu Church was the only church reporting a contribution for ministeral education.

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

Motion carried that Order of Business be changed so that report on Layman's Movement be heard prior to report on Sunday School.

Report on Laymen's Movement by Bros. J. A. May, and Dr. Wilson. Read by Bro. Barnett. Discussed by Bros. Barnett and Baber (Layman) his theme being "Up and At It," also by Bros. Ferguson and Cox who as on all other occassions mentions Consecration. Discussed also by Bros. Mize, Shuford and McCaughn.

Motion carried by rising vote that report be recieved and adopted.

THIRD DAY—EVENING

Association assembled at 2:30. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Baber.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Report on Baptist Orphanage by Bro. Baber was read and recieved.

Discussed by Bros. Baber, Ferguson and Mize and adopted.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Report on Mississipni College by Bro. Si Guthrie was read and recieved. Discussed by Bros. Guthrie and Barnett and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Resolution offered that this Association adopt the same resolution on temperance as printed in the Baptist Record in regard to temperance in our ballot. Resolution adopted by motion carried. This closed the regular Order of Business.

The following were appointed and elected for committees and representatives:

Wm. M. Moore to represent this body at the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs in 1908.

Bro. C. H. Mize and J. E. Barnett elected to represent this body at Coldwater Association.

Bro. Cox elected to represent this Association at Deer Creek Association.

Sister N. K. McCaughn was elected Vice-President of Woman's Missionary Union.

Committee on nominating place and time of next meeting reported as follows:

At Lyon, Miss., on Tuesday before Second Sunday in Sept. 1908.

Bro. Jordon was appointed to preach Associational sermon, Bro. D. H. Cox Alternate.

Resolutions of thanks to the good people of Sumner read and adopted.

Motion carried that clerk be instructed to have 300 copies of Minutes printed and mailed to churches.

Preaching to-night at 8 o'clock by Bro. Cox.

Association adjourned to meet next at Lyon.

D. H. S. Cox. Moderator

WM. M. MOORE, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

LAYMENS MISSION MOVEMENT

Your committee think that there has been nothing which has so impeded the spread of the Gospel as a failure on the part of our Laymen to recognize that God has commissioned them to work in his cause. In the years the work and the responsibility of the cause of our God has been left largely to the preachers. The Laymen have felt that they had no special interest in the matter. Today laymen all over the land and among all denominations are waking to their great opportunities and responsibilities. This movement has for its object the enlisting of laymen who are not consecrating their powers and wealth to the service of God. Your committee thinks that there is no movement in modern missions destined to bring larger and quicker results to all our work than this laymans movement. Your committee would recommend that our laymen throughout the association be urged to take prompt action to bring the question of personal responsibility for largely increased giving to the Lords cause to the thoughtful consideration of the men of our various churches.

J. A. MAY

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions are in many respects the most important part of our mission work. It is bassl. On this rest every interest fostered by the denomination. From our home church our schools get their pupils and their financial aid. Our missionaries home and foreign are chosen from these churches and get their support from them. The Sunday School and Orphanage work is carried on by the contributions from these churches. Amongst every strong church in the state at some time has recieved financial aid from the state board. Like the great First Church at Jackson, Hattiesburg, Greenville, Greenwood and many other churches which are today the largest contributors to all of our denominational work were in their infancy helped by the board. Many of the weak struggling little churches which owe their very existance to our help through this board will soon be self supporting and large contributors to our work.

There is still much unoccupied territory in our state and many places where the work is poorly maned. We need to occupy these places and to prosecute more vigorously the work where we are occupying.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. E. BARNETT

BAPTIST ORPHANACE

This noble institution was chartered July 18, 1894. Being in active operation about 11 years this convention year. Its growth has been phenominal, its development wonderful. It has cared for, fed, clothed and housed comfortably about 275 children up to date and it now has 122 children at the date of our convention report in July 1907. It has this year about 65 acres in corn as good as the average, and a good sweet potato crop. good vegetable garden, a good young orchard with a fair crop this season and plenty of hay to feed all their stock through the winter. It has and owns 112 acres of land with 70 acres in cultivation, 10 acres in premises and truck patches, balance wood land. It has three head of mules and one horse worth fully $500, and twelve head of cows with young ones worth $500. and a few head of hogs, but need more

It has since the fire three years ago built a handsome 24 room brick building including dining room with chapel in center which is all electrically lighted and steam heated at a cost of $18,500, which is paid for with a nice balance in the treasury.

It has recennly completed the babies building in addition to the building just mentioned which is a 24x36 frame building. This babies building was very much needed as there are fourteen of the plumpest, rosiest, sweetest looking babies you ever saw. The total buildings as they stand today are as follow: The Moore Cottage and the Jennings Hall with the new brick building, the Babies building, new Gem Printing Office down stairs in one of the same buildings, and new Lavatories and Bath Rooms in our Girls building, and a brick Boiler and Engine Room with a Canning Factory up stairs, and a Pumping outfit, Waterworks and Grist Mill down stairs, a School Building which is a frame structure with plenty of room, and all necessary barn room to house all their stock.

Total Receipts for year from all sources $15,677
Total Expenditures - - - - 15,688

Its school advantages will furnish our children with a seven months free school as good as the best. Taking this property as a whole it is worth fully $120,000, It has grown to this in ten years from a little rented cottage up in Jackson after having refugeed from yellow fever and to its present location showing the wisdom of Bro. Foster in this selection. Its present management with Rev. J. R. Carter, Superintendent and Miss Ida Flowers as Chief Matron and eight other assistants including ro. Carter, as farmen in our opinion can not be surpassed in the state. This orphanage of ours was certainly fortunate in securing the services of Rev. J. R. Carter and Miss Ida Flowers who took the place of its noble fondder, Bro. Foster, and they nobly do their duty by the children.

Its needs are the same they always have been. The same loving care and interest in its welfare with the prayers of all good people and their generous help and willing assistance to render all things needful to feed, clothe and school the children.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. BABER.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Bretheren your committee begs to submit the following report:

Missippi College is a God sent blessing to the people of Mississippi. It is sending forth more MEN than any college in the state. It should have our most hearty approval. It has a great history. Brethren the time has come when they need help and surely the Baptists of Mississippi ought to see this need. We have the opportunity of making our Baptist College the equal of any institution on Mississippi soil. Let us push the college with all the force that God may give us until it is the greatest in the south land.

Your Committee
SI GUTHRIE.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES

The Medical Missionary is a mighty power under God to open heathen homes and hearts. We now

have twelve medical missionaries in the field and these are doing a great work. While they operate on the body they speak for Jesus. Thousands in this way have had their hearts turned towards the Christian religion. Blessed advance. Many of our people do not realize how God has blessed us and is leading us forward to do greater things in his service. We give here a table showing something of what has been done.

1887	116	228	1646	$ 87830
1897	190	660	4324	125681
1907	500	2239	14437	403811

It must be remembered that much of the progress made can not be tabulated, but the earnest worker at the front can see and feel it, as superstition and idolitry are giving away before the glorious Gospel message, and as they see Christian schools, printing plants and hospitals going up with blessed effect.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. MIZE

SUSTENTATION

This department of our denominational work has for its object the care of our aged and infirm ministers who have worn out their lives in preaching the Gospel of the Master. This work is very important and demands a liberal offering to the Lord. We may not have any of the dear old soldiers of the cross in our ascociation. yet there are some scattared over the state that have given the cream of their lives in the cause of the Master. We note that in the last report on this subject it states that there are sixteen or seventeen of these old soldiers of the cross in the state and that they were supported for only half of the time. Your committee would recommend that they be supported for all the time and that our churches should take regular collections every year for this object. Brethren let us do this and the Lord will bless us.

Respectfully submitted,
T. S. SHUFORD

HOME MISSION

Your committee on home mission would respectfully report that home missions have been recently

wonderfully blessed in spreading the glad tidings of Salvation to the destitute of our whole Southiand. And it has had the applaudit of "well done" extended by the different state mission boards. Especially our own loved state board. Therefore we would recommend that this association heartily co-operate with our state board in raising the Thirty Thousand ($30-000) for the further prosecution of this work that has had the approval of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. FERGUSON

FOREIGN MISSION

We return thanks to the Almighty God for his blessings upon the foreign mission work during the past year. It has been carried on in the midst of many difficulties. Debt has hampered us in the home land, while sickness and death of the workers and persecution have abounded in the foreign fields. Yet under God the work has made great progress. There has never been a time since Christ hung on the cross when his people had such an opportunity to take the whole world for him as now. Our work under God has developed marvelously. We are no longer a weak band with a few laborers and meager visible results in foreign lands. Our God has enlarged us. We have five hundred laborers at the front with thousands of converts and thousands more being taught of Christ.

SCHOOLS

While some of the 108 schools are self sustaining, others must be helped. No one can estimate their worth in the lands of darkness. To send the children of the converts to native schools means to turn them over to heathen practices and idolitry To give them no school means for them to grow up in ignorance. We must help them. These children trained, not in heathen, but in Christian homes are the hope of the future. Our theological schools are turning out excellently trained men. These men know the language, customs, manners and life of their people. We have seven theological seminaries in our various fields with over one hundred men in training.

PRINTING

With the introduction of Christianity among any

people there comes enlightment. It is not long before the people begin to study for themselves, so that is necessary to give them the right kind of literature. They must have Christian books. The missionaries find that the printing plant is a necessity. One needs but to turn to the wonderful changes which are going on in Japan and China. These people are acquiring knowledge. We ought as rapidly as possible to give them the very best literature.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee is glad to know that the most of the churches have reported Sunday schools in the Sunflower association and would recommend that all the churches have Sunday schools, for we learn in Scripture to teach the word and there is no better way to teach our children about Christ than in the Sunday school. And then again to teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B SUMNER

PUBLICATION

We as Baptists should use the best books and literature that we can get and we can all get the Bible which is the guide to eternal life. Then we should take all the good papers we can read, such as the Baptist Record, Our Boys and Girls, (for young folks). Then we should have good wholesome books such as are handled by the Southern Baptist Convention Board. We as Baptists should hold out the Bible to the sinner as the guide to eternal life, and we should always preach the word fearlessly and in its purity. Above all let us see that our children are supplied with the best reading matter and that they do not read novels and cheap trash. Let us keep posted as to the missions, and we have no better way of knowing than to subscribe to the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal. As to Sunday school literature we would cheerfully recommend the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. FERGUSON

WOMAN'S WORK

Woman,s work is one of the most important characters of the Gospel of Christ. There is no difference

in persons. The blessings and previliges may alike be enjoyed by all who are redeemed by the son of God. Woman's place if fully recognized in the word of God as being one of great interest and the Christian world has cheerfully accorded her the position which her purity and intelligence justly claim. A live Ladie's Missionary in a church contributes largely to the spiritual life of the church and a well organized society in all churches is a power in any church and will bring things to pass. In our association we have only three reported by the churches. We earnestly hope that the time will soon come when each church of this association will have its Ladie's Missionary Society. Our society here was organized the second Monday in May, and since then the ladies have painted the inside of the church, carpeted the floor, and are now ready to put our work in another good cause. I hope to see the day that we may be able to add a wing to our church so that we may be able to worship under instead of having to retreat to the court house. I ask the prayers of all the societies to pray for me.

Your Sister in Christ,
LUCY E. MURPHEY

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Without any official statistics in the way of Convention Reports at hand, and giving only such information as has been presented since the appointment, the day before yesterday, your committee submits report which, it is believed, presents a true statement of facts, as follows;

Our state board on ministeral education received sufficient funds for aid of those under its care at the seminary the past year.

Of about sixty ministeral students in Mississippi College the past session, perhaps thirty received aid from the state board, but the funds for this purpose fell short of requirments and placed the board at a disadvantage for a while. However the board managed to get the necessary funds.

It is no longer a question whether or not our ministery should be educated; that is, given that instruction and training, in an institution of learning, which pertains to a minister—one whose duty it is to supply something needed that something needed in this

case being the Gospel. And no more so is it a question that the church should contribute liberally to aid in the education of ministeral students who are unable themselves to pay the necessary expenses. We, your committee recommends that the associations see to it that the board which has charge of this part of our work hereafter. has, at all times. ample funds available. Better a surplus than a deficit.

Respectfully submtited,

A. L. WHITTEN

Substituted Committee

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Sunflower Association, and shall consist of churches of the Baptist denomination in regular standing.

ARTICLE II. Each church of this union shall be entitled to five delegates, who on presenting their church letters, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats, and all the previliges of the Association.

ARTICLE III. Churches of the same faith and order with this body may be admitted to membership in this Association by signifying their desire by letter and delegates.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be selected by a majority of the delegates present at each session. These officers, together with four other members appointed by the Moderator, shall form an Executive Committe, four of whom shall constitute a quorum. who shall attend to all business during the period between the sittings of the Association.

ARTICLE V. This Association shall never possess any power or authority over the churches. It may advise as an advisory council only. Yet it shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church that is known to be in disorder, or fails to represent itself in three consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE VI. The Moderator shall preside over the meetings of this Association. He shall appoint all committees, and may vote only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE VII. The Clerk shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association, and be responsible for all articles and documents committed to his care.

ARTICLE VIII. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and property of the Association, and be responsible for the same; and shall not pay out any money save by order of the Association or Executive Committee, and shall report all disbursements at each Association.

ARTICLE IX. The object of this Association shall be to digest and organize an operative system of measures to promote the general interest of the Redeemer's kingdom, but in no instance shall it infringe on the indipendence of churches.

ARTICLE X. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular sitting of the Association by vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.
2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the delegates present by private ballot.
3. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.
4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same previlige of speaking as other members, but shall not vote, unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call on some brother to take the chair.
5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up, and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays; and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.
6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be inter-

rupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes a personal reflection.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall first be decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.

9. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

12. These rules may be suspended for the time being by a vote of the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

14. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Sustentation	Sunday School	Ministerial Education	For Home Use and other Objects	Visiting Ministers	Pastors Salary	Schools and Colleges	Repair of Churches	The Poor	For Minutes and Clerk	Reg. Preaching Days	Added by Letter	Added by Baptism	Added by Restoration	Lost by Death	Lost by Exclusion	Lost by Letter	Total Membership
BELEN																						47
CLARKSDALE	30 00					36 25		124 25		1,300				2 50		15	30				4	81
DREW	5125								25 00	300 00				5 00		7	7		1	1		52
ENON	156 00			60 00		19 25		17 91	165 45	480 00		161 00				2	10	1	1		6	144
EBENEZER	11 35								23 45	60 00			2 00	2 50		13	30		1	13	1	91
FRIARS POINT																						26
GUNNISON																						20
LULU	80 50			25 00			20 00	45 42	91 50	250 00	30 00			5 00		2	6		2		1	56
LYON	65 50					15 00		25 00	78 85	300 00		120 00		3 00		6	2				2	36
OAK RIDGE	118 00	40 00	30 00	22 50		7 61				250 00				5 00		2	1		1			28
ROSEDALE																						17
ROME				275 00		14 78		5 00						4 or 5			1					19
SHELBY	36 50							24 00	235 00	3 00				5 25	1st 3rd	3	28	4		1	1	58
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THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Chartered by the State of Mississippi July, 1896.

Opened in Jackson, May 12, 1897.

Its Object: To furnish a home to every destitute orphan of white parentage in the State as far as possible.

It has received one hundred and twenty children during the five years of its existence and is now caring for seventy.

Its property is worth *thirty-four thousand dollars*, and it now has room for one hundred and fifty children.

It is supported purely by the benevolent contributions of charitable people; children of parents of any religious faith and of no faith received.

All contributions should be sent to Rev. L. S. Foster, Box 38, Jackson, Miss., who will also cheerfully give any information or send a copy of last catalogue when requested.